HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES FEBRUARY 14, 2012

The Health & Human Services Committee met on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 2:20 p.m. Mr. Matthews, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

K. Brad Matthews, Chairman Debra B. Summers, V Chairman

Frank J. Townsend, III Bobby C. Keisler

James E. Kinard, Jr.

Also attending: Joe Mergo, III, Interim County Administrator; Larry Porth, Finance Director/Assistant County Administrator; Jeff Anderson, County Attorney; other staff members, citizens of the county and representatives of the media.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to radio and TV stations, newspapers, and posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the County Administration Building.

Communications Narrowbanding - Public Safety/Admin - David Kerr, Director of Public Safety - Mr. Kerr presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the unfunded mandate from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to make additional Very High Frequency (VHF) Channels available in the 150 MHz / 450-470 MHz frequency spectrum by January 1, 2013. The unfunded mandate applies to all public safety frequencies licensed to the County including the Fire and Emergency Medical Services. The system must be installed, licensed and fully operational by December 31, 2012 to make certain it is ready to dispatch. Staff requests Council to authorize Public Safety to negotiate and enter into a contract with Motorola, Inc. (a state contracted vendor) to build/install a three (3) tower VHF Simulcast Communications System for Lexington County.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request for authorization to pursue implementation of the Communications Narrowbanding as mandated.

Old Business/New Business - None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee Assistant to the Clerk K. Brad Matthews Chairman

Diana W. Burnett Clerk